

BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-1999

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0419995504

Address: 16 West Franklin Street
Current Name:

Block: 551 Lot: 3 Lot size: 15 ft. x 145 ft.
Height: 4 Materials: Brick, wood, stone
Condition: Good Owner: J.H. Somerville et al
Use: Residential Accessible: Yes, restricted
Designation: Liber/Folio: SEB 46/526



Historic Name:
Date: ca. 1870
Architect/Builder:
Style (if appropriate):

Description: The western half of a pair of identical townhouses, the facade duplicates that of 14 West Franklin, differing only in paint colors. On the first story, twin marble-edged arches frame the entrance and a 2/1 window over a carved stone panel. The common bond exterior extends to the cornice below the fourth story. The oriel window has segmentally arched windows and cable moldings. The third floor windows are the same 2/2 sash as in No. 14 and also have jack arches. The alternating dentil and bracket cornice is continuous across both facades. The mansard roof of the fourth story contains the dormer with paired 2/2 windows under a full pediment.

Significance:

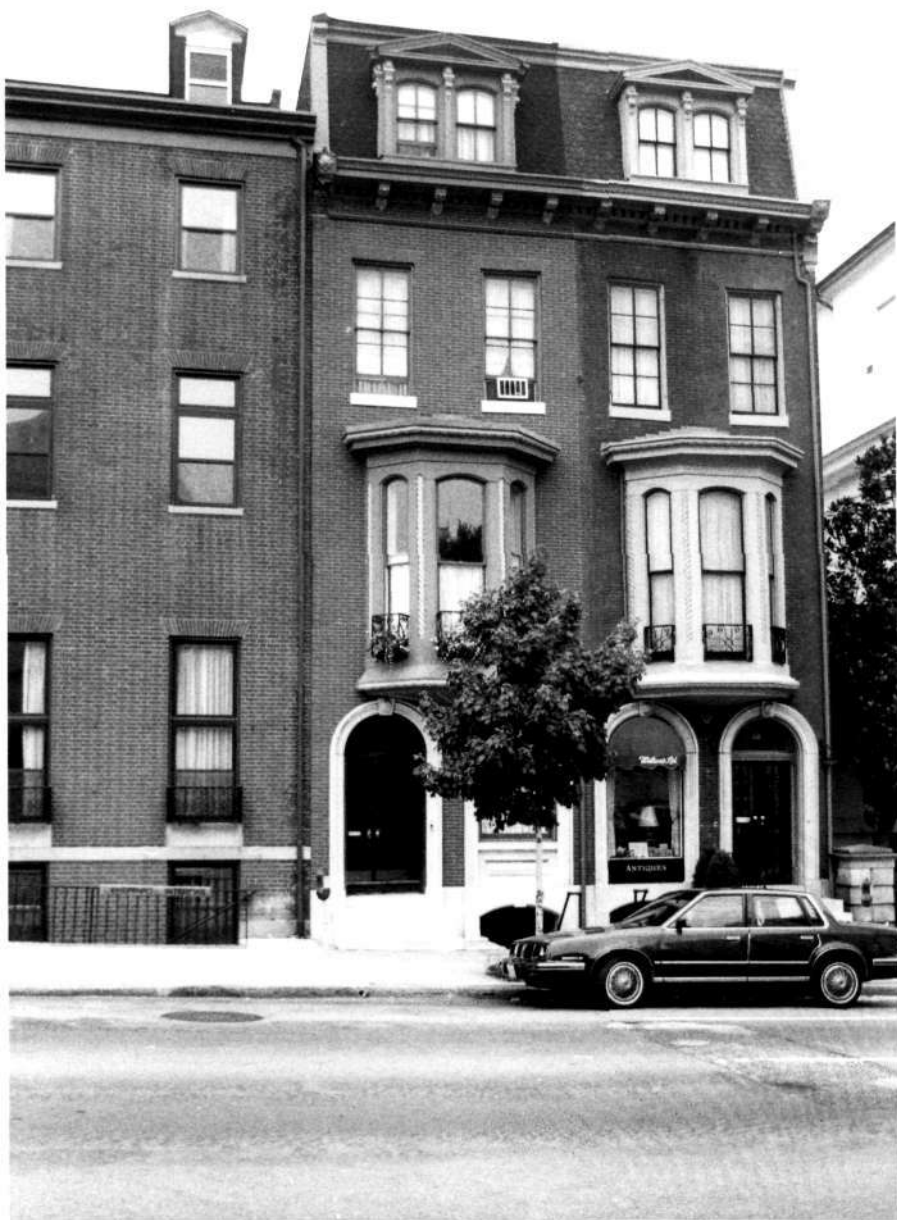
Area: architecture

Level: local

The twin houses at 14 and 16 West Franklin are distinctive for their identical facades. Both were built by John D. Kremelberg in 1870 on the site of an early 19th century house. This was a real estate venture with little or no speculative aspects: the area was still primarily residential and the houses were mostly early 19th century structures. The "modern" facades of Kremelberg's buildings were undoubtedly viewed as elegant additions to the street, and in the present are still the most distinctive rowhouses in the unit block of West Franklin Street. From 1903 to the mid-1950's, No. 16 was the home and office of Walter C. Dorsey, a dentist.

Sources: Land records; city directories
Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, May 1985

Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
Cathedral Hill Area
16 West Franklin Street
B-1999



16 West Franklin Street B-1999
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
South elevation

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

16 West Franklin Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16 West Franklin Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☒ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #: JFC 1120

Folio #: 379

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1975

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
X-GOOD
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED
—RUINS
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

X-UNALTERED
—ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X-ORIGINAL SITE
—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three and one-half two bay row house is located near the end of the block. It is one of a pair of Second Empire houses. The facade is of red brick laid in running bond accented by white marble. There is a mansard, a wooden oriel with full height windows on the second floor and heavy arched moldings around the door and window of the first floor.

There is an slightly arched entrance in the marble wall of the basement which may be reached by stairs leading down from the sidewalk. There are four marble stairs to the front door.

The fully arched appetures for the window and door on the first floor are the same width and height. They are framed by wide marble moldings each decorated with a carved keystone. There is a half round transom over the double doors and a rectangular panel below the arched 2-over-1 double hung window. There is a small vestibule with double doors, the top of each conforming to half of the arch.

Though the base of the oriel springs from a small carved bracket in the center of the facade, its bulk seems to rest heavily on the moldings of the door and window on the first floor because there is no vertical space between the elements. There are three slightly arched windows in the oriel, the side windows being much narrower than the center one. They are all slightly arched, extremely tall, one-over-one double hung windows, enhanced by ornamental wrought iron balconies. The oriel has a spiral columnette at each angle and is surmounted by a deep cornice.

The third floor windows are 4-over-4 double hung with flat splayed brick lintels and plain marble sills.

The wood cornice is continuous for the pair of houses. Each house has four large ornamental brackets with smaller dentils between them. Though there is no element defining the partly wall, the ends of the cornice are emphasized by two even larger brackets (one on each house) decorated with foliate ornament and a rosettes.

The decorated end bracket on this house has been covered over. The state mansard is capped by a simple molded cornice. The double dormer has a

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

14'6" x 145'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha Rozansky Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

26 S. Calvert Street Room 900

TELEPHONE

396-4866

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

shallow triangular pediment with three brackets under it. The slightly arched double hung windows have two-over-two lights.

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W. HAMILTON

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CATHEDRAL

N. CHARLES

W. FRANKLIN

ST.

NOTICE

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CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

WARD 11 SECTION 10
BLOCK 551

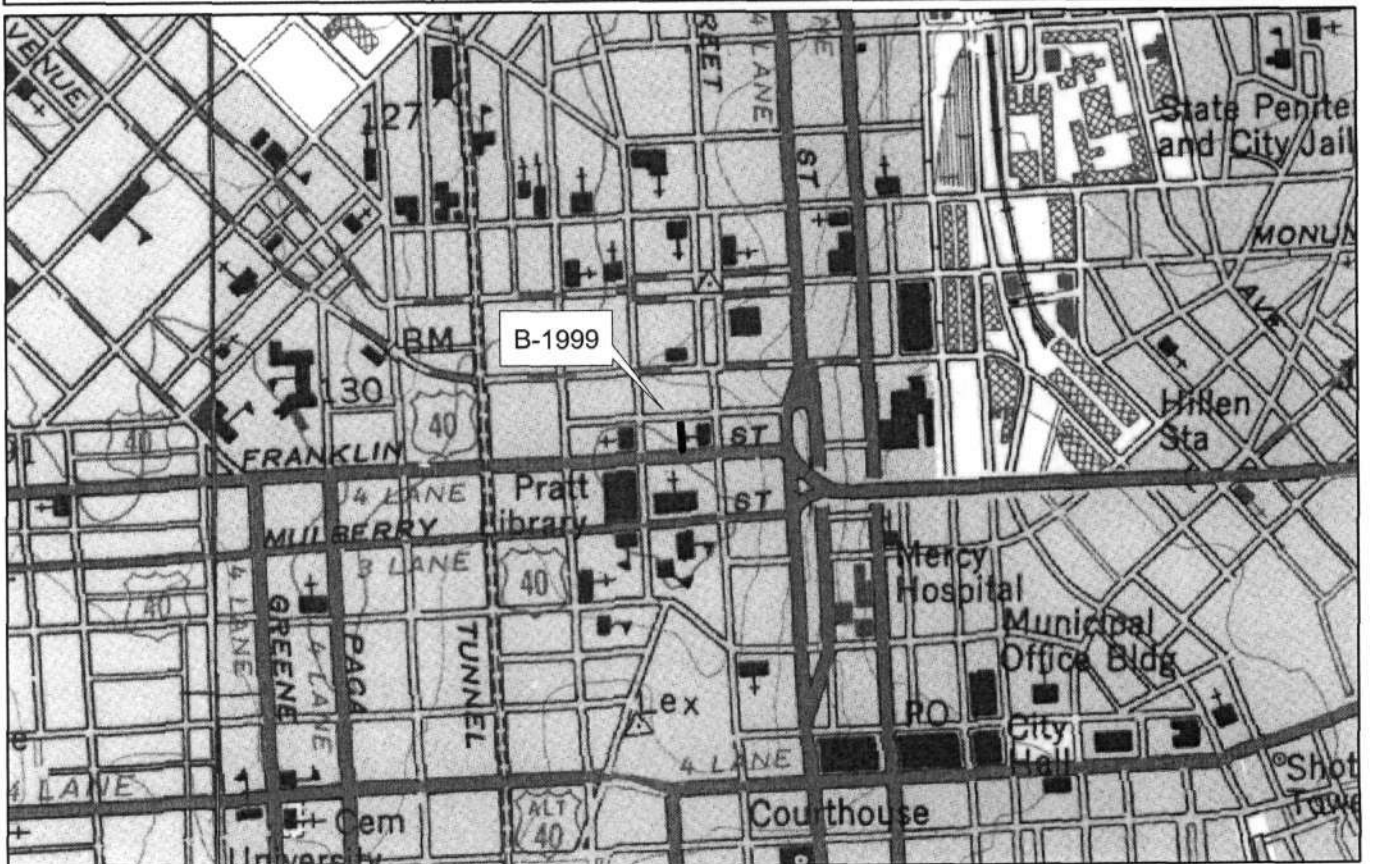
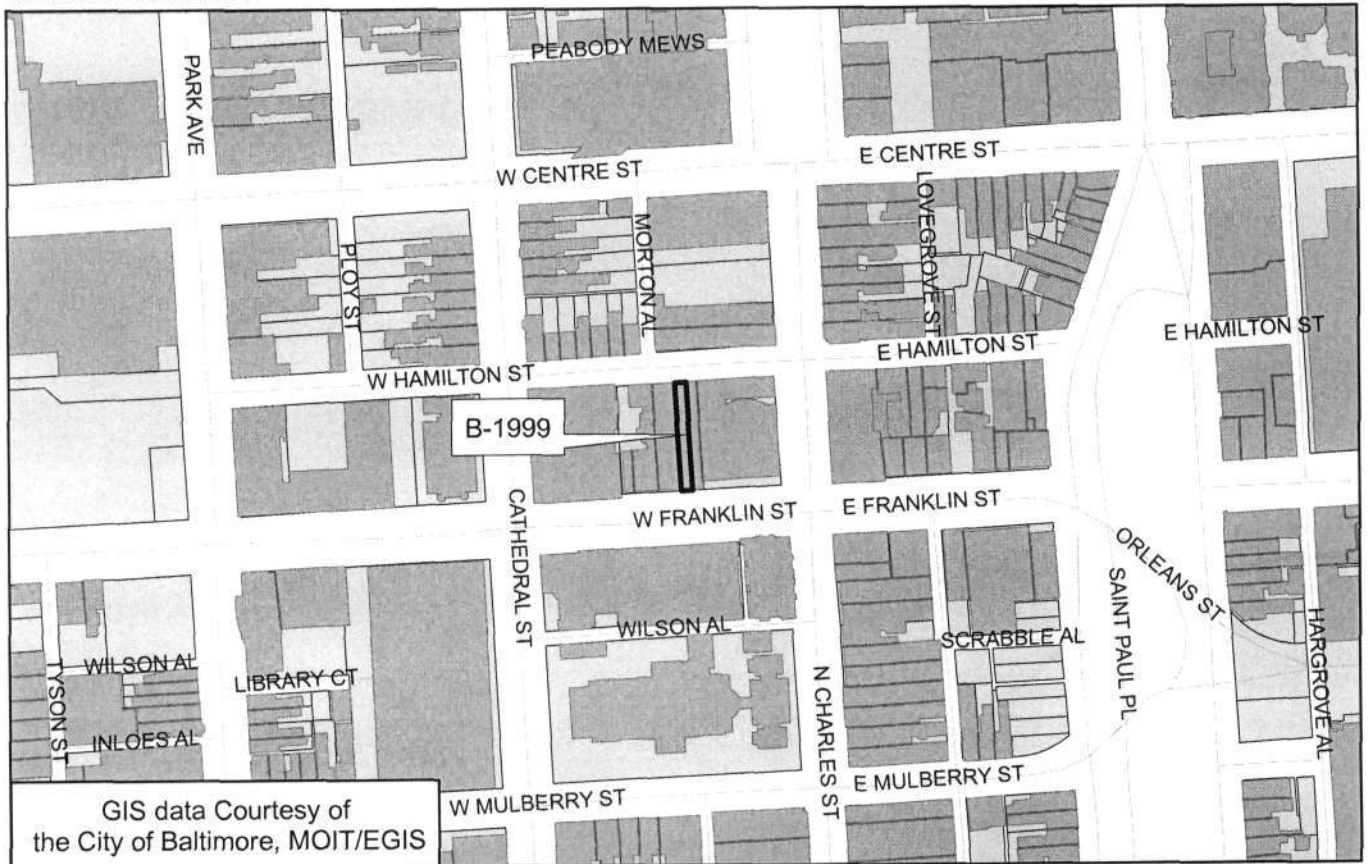
SCALE 1 INCH = 40 FT. DATE August 25-47

TRACED BY *W. J. Sienkiewicz*

LETTERED BY *C. J. S.*

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16 W. Franklin Street
Block 0551 Lot 003
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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